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27 July 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the EIC Subcommittee on
Electric Power and Solid Fuels

1. Attached are 30 copies of the annual report of the EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels. Copies are also being forwarded to members of the Subcommittee.

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2. The report was coordinated by telephone with: Ivan V. Matusek, Department of State; [REDACTED] Defense Intelligence Agency; Harry B. Zackrison, Sr., Army; [REDACTED] National Security Agency; E. Reed Scollon, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior; and James E. Sohngen, Atomic Energy Commission. All concurred in the proposed annual report but had additional comments on the future of the committee.

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3. Mr. Matusek, State, said he would not want to commit himself on abolition of the Subcommittee without seeing the Department of Defense proposal in writing. He thought it should be circulated. [REDACTED] NSA, thought the Subcommittee should be retained as a paper organization in case it might some day be needed. Mr. Scollon said he had written an internal memorandum in Interior recommending abolition of the Subcommittee. The other members stated that bilateral liaison seems adequate and that they see no reason to continue an inactive committee.

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CIA NO. 3469
27 July 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, EIC

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the EIC Subcommittee on Electric
Power and Solid Fuels


1. Activities of the Subcommittee During FY'65

The EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels did not meet during FY 65. Its last meeting was held in February 1962. The inactivity of the Subcommittee reflects the fact that bilateral coordination of views concerning exchanges, application of trade controls, and occasional substantive intelligence problems has proved to be more efficient than calling a meeting of the Subcommittee.

2. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Department of Defense recently recommended to the Bureau of the Budget that the EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels be dissolved. The officers of the Subcommittee concurred with this recommendation. Consequently no program for future activities of the Subcommittee has been prepared. The membership is, however, urged to continue bilateral coordination and exchange of information as appropriate.

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Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on
Electric Power and Solid Fuels

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16 June 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Research and Reports
THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research
 Chief, Resources and Industries Division
FROM: Chief, Fuels and Power Branch
SUBJECT: Possible Abolition of the EIC Subcommittee
 on Electric Power and Solid Fuels

I have been informed that DIA recommends abolishing the EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels because it rarely meets and because other means exist for carrying out the responsibilities of the Subcommittee. The DIA view seems quite reasonable. The only meeting of the Subcommittee during the last four years was in February 1962. That meeting was called at the request of [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of the USIB Committee on Exchanges for the purpose of establishing a US intelligence community position on a proposal that the US receive a Soviet delegation in the field of thermal electric powerplants and high voltage transmission lines. Since that time questions concerning exchanges and questions related to trade controls have been referred directly to appropriate branches in CIA and DIA. A close working liaison exists between the Fuels and Power Branch of ORR and the personnel in DIA 1-R-1A who are concerned with preparing MIS sections concerned with electric power industries. A similar working relationship exists with personnel of the Bureau of Mines in the Department of the Interior. This liaison makes the Subcommittee appear unnecessary.

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